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Sir:

This is in response to a first Office Action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on October 25, 2001. As the shortened statutory period for response does not expire until January 25, 2002, this response is timely filed and no extensions of time are necessary. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Communication Regarding Power of Attorney Submitted on 1/2/02, and an Associate Power of Attorney are submitted herewith.